succours were not sufficient foi their defence, the Duke of Parma had retired and that the King was resolved to batter the town On this speech sixty of the buigesses, best inclined to the King's service, answered that they would very willingly agree to his motion , then these men, well noted by the Governor, were sent for from their houses, and made prisoners, being forced to pay gieat ransoms at his pleasure lor their release

The late offer of a peace is likely to come to nothing, for the first part of the Leaguers' demand will be for the King to become a Catholic They have proffered it but to confuse the King, distaste his Catholics, and to better their condition with Spain

242* *March* VOLUNTEERS TO BE LEVIED IN LONDON

The Lord Mayor and the Justices of Peace for the County of Middlesex now begin to imprest and take up 200 voluntary men to fill up the companies of the bands remaining in Bnttiny under Sir John Norns

2$th March DISTRESS IN ROUEN

The garrison of Rouen are reported to be daily thrusting out forty or fifty women and many prentices , they want wine and have forbidden the mating of beer because they would spend no corn in drink They cannot hold out longer than two months if the King do not force them otherwise to yield Two thousand French that had disbanded have rejoined the army and more return daily in hope of spoil at Rouen Sir Edmund Yorke with twelve companies arrived at Dieppe on the 18th

PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays at the Rose Theatre this past week were *The Spamsh*

Trageay, Constantine^Jerusalem^ Harry of'Cornwall, Friar Bacon,

COMPLAINTS AGAINST THE GOVERNOR OF OSTEND

Complaints against Sir Edward Norns, Governor of Ostend, have been renewed by the Council of the States of the United Provinces The Council now give orders that he shall repair to them when they should send for him to satisfy their demands and yield account of how the contributions of the country have been expended, and to clear himself of the imputations preferred